

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

H&R BLOCK, INC. et al.,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 4:21-CV-913-NKL
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BLOCK, INC.	)	
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Defendants.	)	

**ORDER ON PRETRIAL PROCEDURES**

You are advised that:

***A. SERVICE OF PROCESS***

**Service must be obtained on all defendants within forty (40) days of the date of this Order unless otherwise authorized by the Court.**

***B. SCHEDULING ORDER***

1. ***Deadline for Entry of Scheduling Order:*** The deadline for entry of a scheduling order in this case will be determined in accordance with Local Rule 16.1(b). A notice will be sent to you advising you of the specific deadline for filing a proposed scheduling order shortly after any Defendant files any paper in this case, or shortly after the expiration of 30 days from the date the complaint is filed if no Defendant has filed any paper in this case.

2. ***Filing of Proposed Scheduling Order:*** The proposed scheduling order must comply with all of the requirements of Local Rule 16.1(d), 16.1(f),

26.1(c) and 26.1(d). Plaintiff's counsel, in accordance with Local Rule 16.1(d), will take the lead in preparing the proposed scheduling order.

**C. INITIAL DISCLOSURE AND DISCOVERY MEETING:**

1. A Rule 26(f) meeting shall take place at least 30 days before the scheduling order is required to be issued in this case (Local Rule 26.1(a). *See* A(1), *supra* for scheduling order deadline.)
2. There will be no discovery from any source until after the Rule 26(f) meeting, unless agreed to by all the parties, or unless the case is exempted from this limitation by Local Rule 26.1(b).
3. The initial disclosure requirements of Rule 26(a)(1) shall be made at the Rule 26(f) meeting. Local Rule 26.1(a).
4. The number and form of interrogatories and the number of depositions are governed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30.
5. The procedure for resolving discovery disputes is governed by Local Rule 37.1.
6. The form of answers to certain discovery requests and the disclosures required by Rule 26 are provided in Local Rule 26.2.
7. The filing of motions does not postpone discovery. *See* Local Rule 26.1(b).
8. Extensions of discovery deadlines are governed by Local Rule 16.3.

**D. PROPOSED ORDER:** Counsel are also advised that rulings on non-dispositive motions will be expedited if a proposed order is presented.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ NANETTE K. LAUGHREY  
NANETTE K. LAUGHREY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: December 27, 2021